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NTPC AND PGCIL IN ABROAD
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited and the National Thermal Power Corporation are having operations in other countries also;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the investments made by them abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : The Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) is providing consultancy services to various utilities in Afghanistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Dubai, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Similarly, NTPC is also providing consultancy services to UAE, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.It has a representative office in Dubai, UAE since November, 2006 for business development. It has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Government of Sri Lanka and the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) on 29th December, 2006 for setting up a 500 MW coal fired power project in the Trincomalee region with equal equity participation by CEB. NTPC has also signed an MOU with the Ministry of Energy, Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) on 22nd May, 2007 for energy cooperation. Under this MOU, FGN has agreed to provide, subject to availability, three (3) million tons per annum of LNG at a reasonable price for a period of 25 years from its existing /Future LNG terminals to NTPC for use in NTPC`s plants in India. After the tie-up for LNG supply is finalized, NTPC has agreed to build, own and operate a 700 MW gas based and a 500 MW Coal based power plant in Nigeria, subject to techno-economic feasibility.

(c) : At present, neither PGCIL nor NTPC have made any investment abroad.